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FREE

ONCE THERE WAS A

NORMAL BOY



WITH A NORMAL LIFE



& NORMAL MOM



BUT HIS DAD WAS...

THE BEST!



NOLAN WAS A VILTRUMITE, MEMBER OF AN ALIEN RACE OF SUPER PEOPLE. LIVING HERE IN SECRET, HE'S EARTH'S GREATEST SUPERHERO.

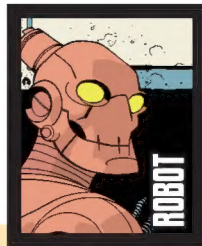
SOON MARK BECAME...



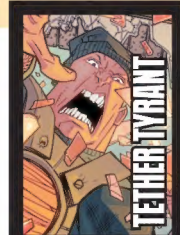
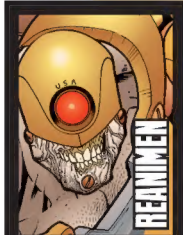
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AS HALF-VILTRUMITE HE GAINED ALL THEIR POWERS!

HE MADE FRIENDS *



& ENEMIES TOO. *



* WAY MORE THAN SHOWN HERE.
ALL ISSUES AVAILABLE IN PRINT & DIGITAL VERSIONS!

TURNS OUT HIS DAD
WAS ACTUALLY...



THE WORST!

HE KILLED A BUNCH OF SUPER-
HEROES BECAUSE HE WAS REALLY
ON A SECRET MISSION TO
PREPARE EARTH FOR INVASION
BY VILTRUMITES. WTF?!

AFTER A FATHER/SON DISCUSSION...

DAD LEFT

NOT JUST HIS FAMILY.
THE ACTUAL PLANET.
NOLAN FLEW OFF INTO
SPACE.



MARK BEGAN
WORKING FOR



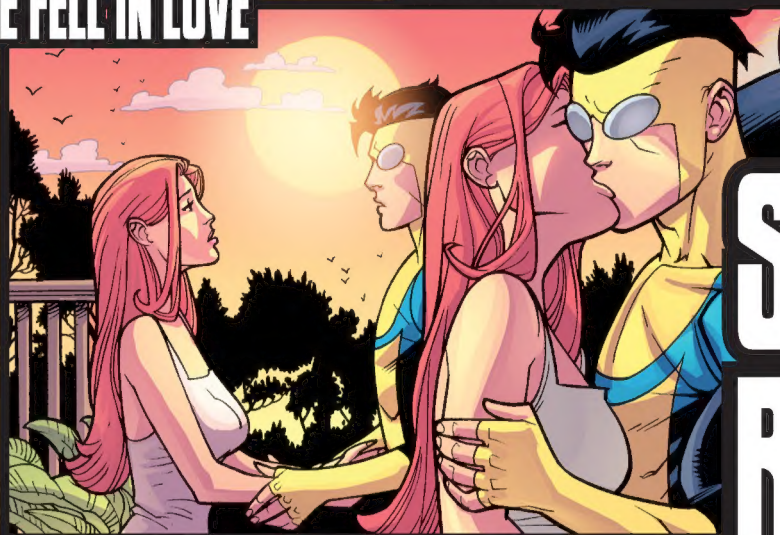
SAVING ~~THE~~ WORLD



WHAT A
BUNCH OF
CRAP.

HE GOT A BRAND NEW COSTUME. THEN WENT BACK TO THE OLD ONE. FASHION!

HE FELL IN LOVE



WITH
ATOM EVE!
DUH!

SO HOT, RIGHT?

ROBOT WATCHED
HIS FRIEND



REX!

NO!

TOTALLY DIE!

REX SPOLOE SACRIFICED HIMSELF
TO SAVE INNOCENTS. ROBOT
(WHOSE CONSCIOUSNESS HAD
PREVIOUSLY BEEN TRANSFERRED
INTO A CLONE OF REX) TOOK ON
REX'S NAME TO HONOR HIM.
FRIENDSHIP. SAD. CONFUSING.

NOLAN HAD A CHANGE OF HEART...



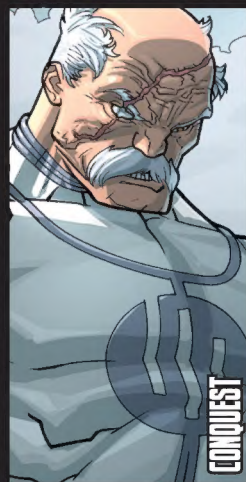
IN LIFE OUR DECISIONS ARE BASED ON A COMPLEX MIX OF EMOTIONS. THIS CAN CAUSE US TO BEHAVE IN BOTH GOOD AND BAD WAYS. SOMETIMES WE DO THINGS THAT WE LATER REGRET. IN THIS WAY NOLAN LEARNED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN. THOUGH HE DID KILL ALL THOSE SUPERHEROES.



... & MARK GOT A STEPBROTHER.

MEANWHILE, MARK DID SOME GROWING UP OF HIS OWN. MOSTLY BY

FIGHTING EVIL!



SO MANY MORE BAD GUYS, IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY.

ALLEN GOT AN UPGRADE



REX & MONSTER GIRL GOT TRAPPED IN ANOTHER DIMENSION.

FOR LIKE
TOOS OF
YEARS!?



TIME MOVES DIFFERENTLY
IN OTHER DIMENSIONS.
ONLY A SHORT TIME HAD
PASSED ON EARTH WHILE
THEY WERE AWAY.

SCIENCE.

NOLAN BECAME THE VILTRUMITE KING.

HE EVEN HAS A MOON BASE.
SERIOUSLY, NO JOKE.



FORMER TOP
VILTRUMITE



WAS NOT HAPPY.

REX'S TIME AWAY GAVE HIM IDEAS...

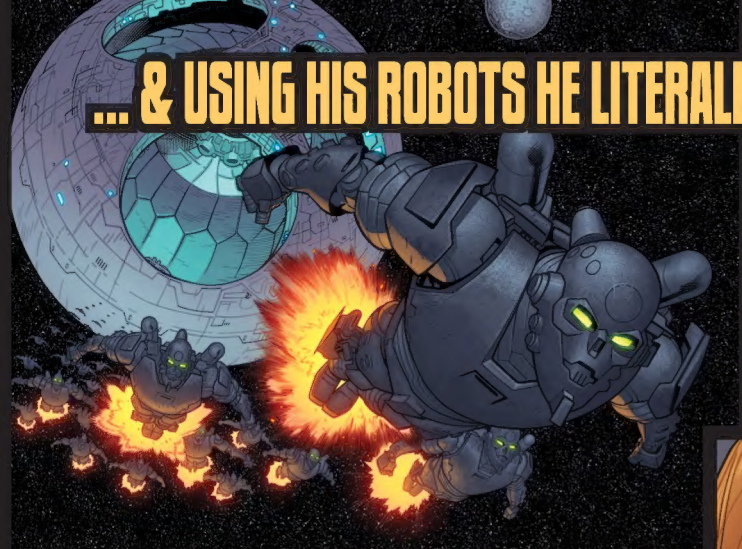
NO. I THINK
MORE ABOUT
THIS DIMENSION,
HERE... OUR
HOME.

WE FIXED
THINGS... WE
REALLY DID. THE
FLAXANS' WORLD
WAS TRANSFORMED
BY US. WE REALLY
MADE THINGS
BETTER.

WHY
WOULDN'T
WE TRY
TO DO THAT
HERE?



... & USING HIS ROBOTS HE LITERALLY TOOK OVER THE WORLD.



MEANWHILE...

BABY!



THEN

BATTLE



TO SAVE EARTH!

...BUT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH, & REX ULTIMATELY WON!

**MARK & EVE DECIDED TO LEAVE EARTH
AND START A NEW LIFE...**



... THAT STORY BEGINS

NOW!

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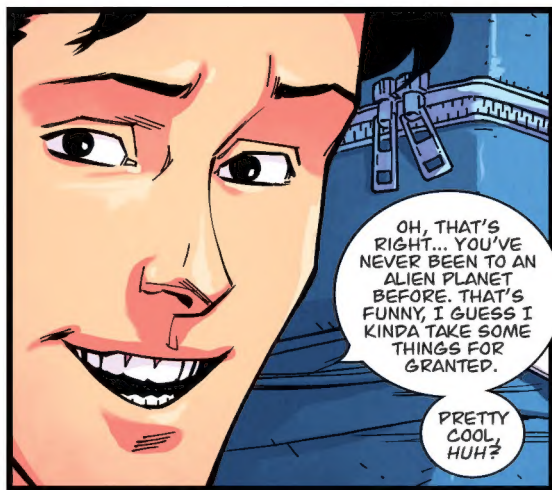
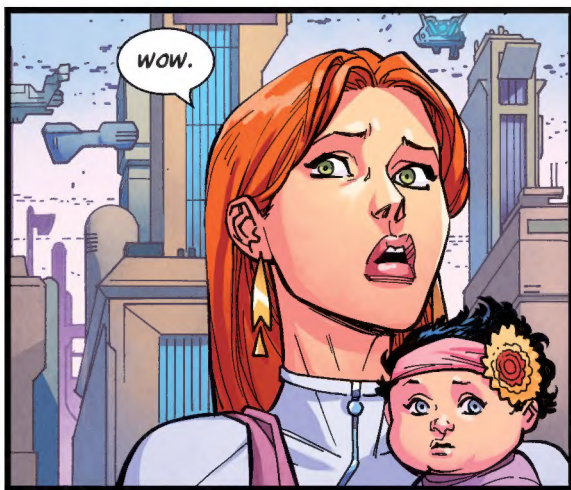
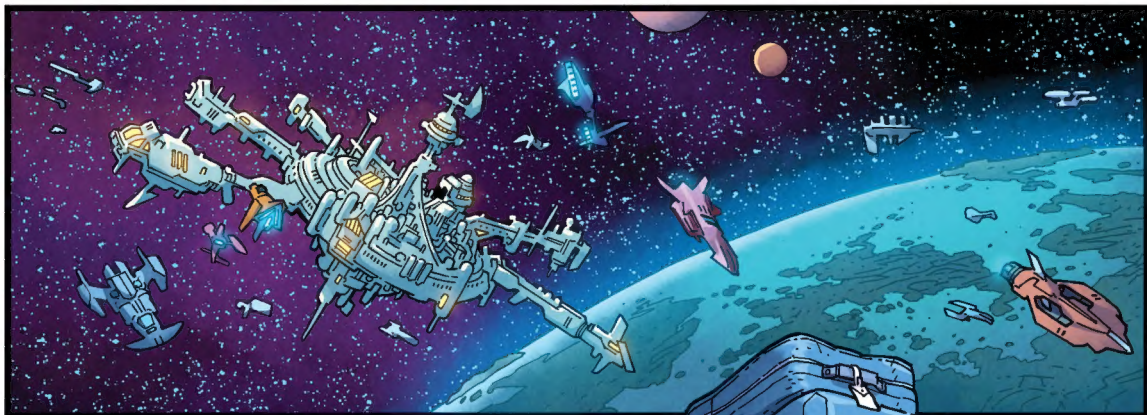
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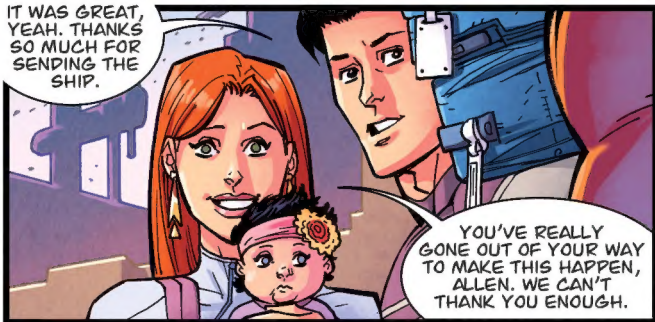
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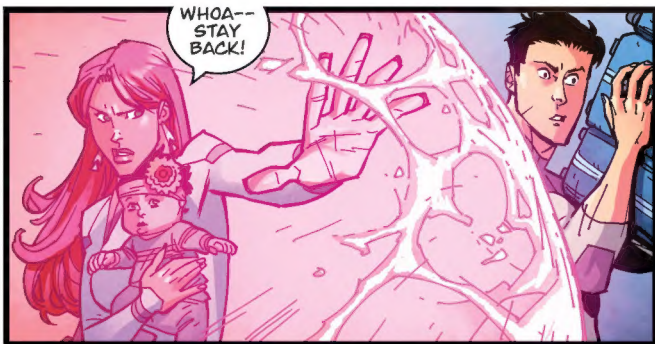
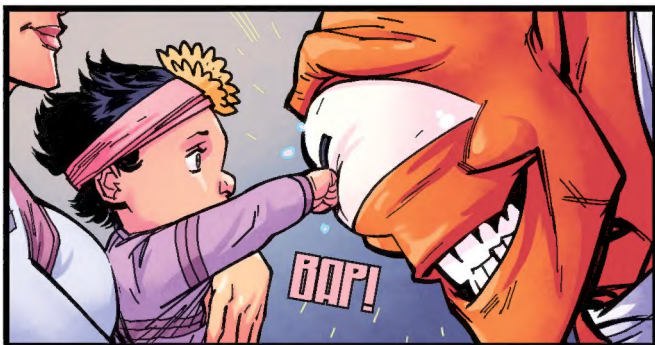
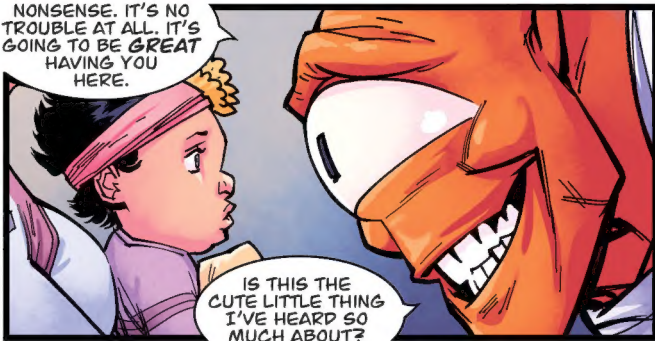




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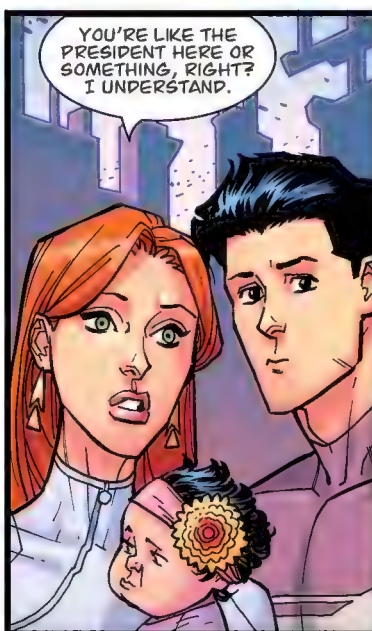
NONSENSE. IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL. IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT HAVING YOU HERE.





JUST TOOK
ME OFF GUARD...
I'M FINE.

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



YOU'RE LIKE THE
PRESIDENT HERE OR
SOMETHING, RIGHT?
I UNDERSTAND.



YEAH, BUT STILL.
I'M TOUGHER THAN ALL
MY GUARDS... SECURITY
FOR ME IS POINTLESS.
BUT YEAH, I'M THE HEAD
OF THE COALITION OF
PLANETS.

I ACTUALLY DIDN'T
KNOW IF I'D BE ABLE TO
GREET YOU TODAY. THERE'S A
PRETTY IMPORTANT OPERATION
HAPPENING OFF-WORLD THAT
I'VE BEEN MONITORING AND...



STOP
RIGHT
THERE--
PLEASE.

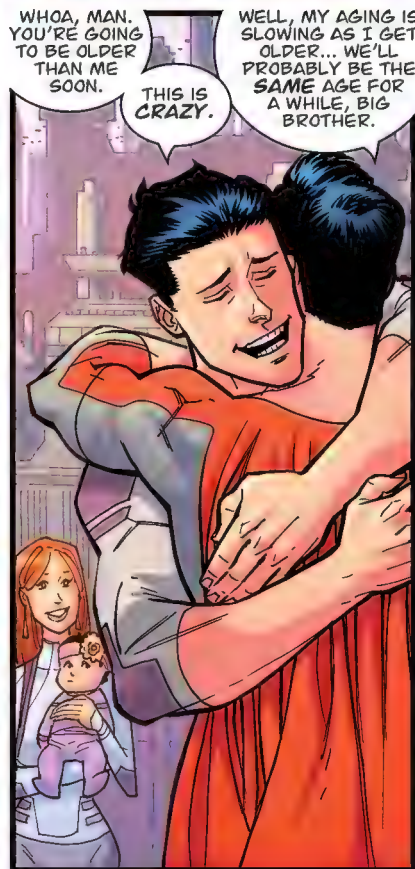
LOOK, I'M
HAPPY TO
HELP IN TIMES
WHERE YOU
REALLY NEED
ME, BUT I
THOUGHT WE
AGREED I
WASN'T COMING
HERE TO WORK
FOR YOU.

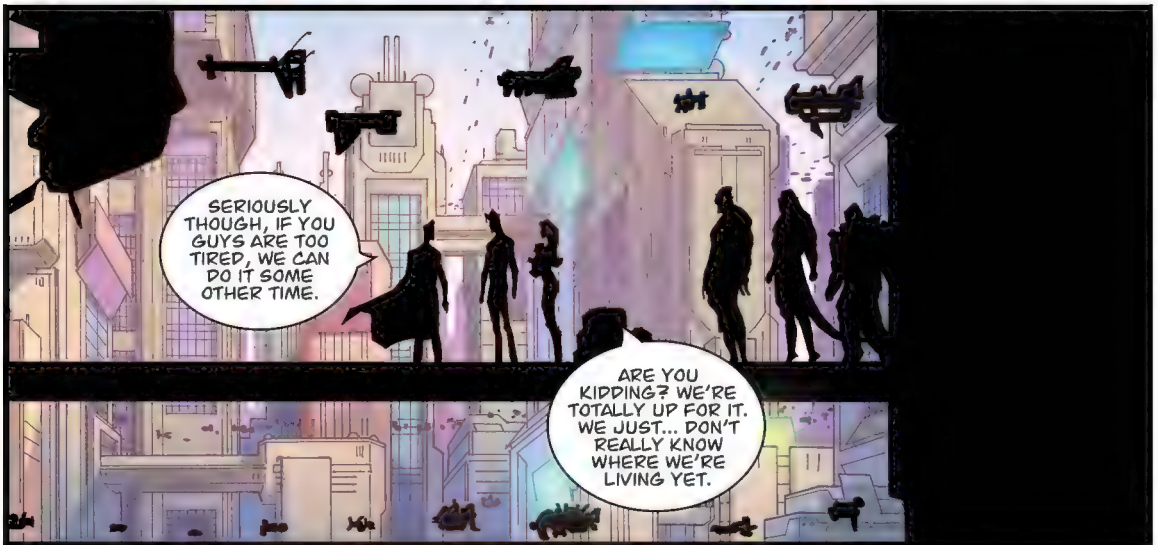
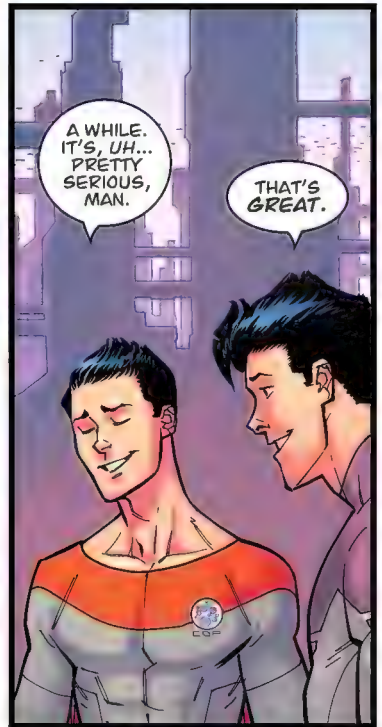


PLEASE DON'T
MISUNDERSTAND,
MARK. I KNOW
YOU'RE STEPPING
BACK, RAISING
YOUR
DAUGHTER.

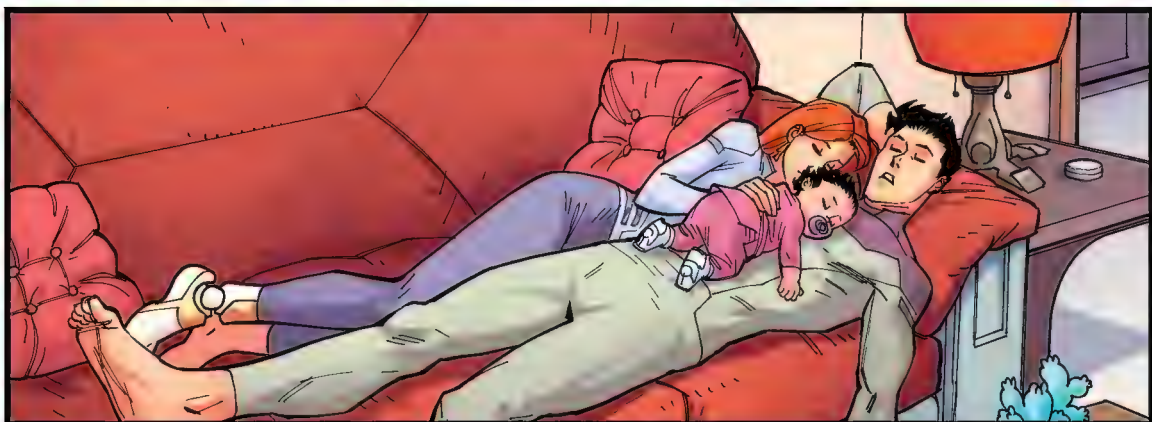
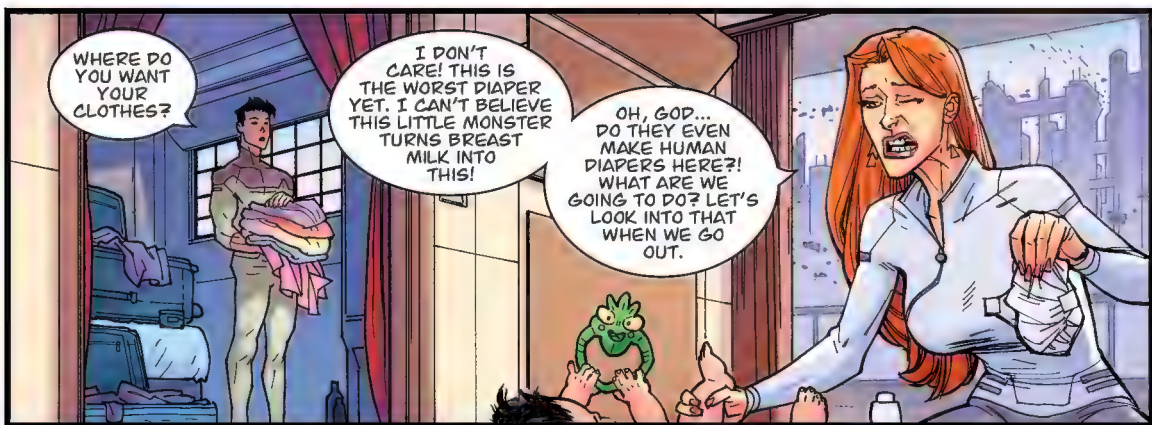
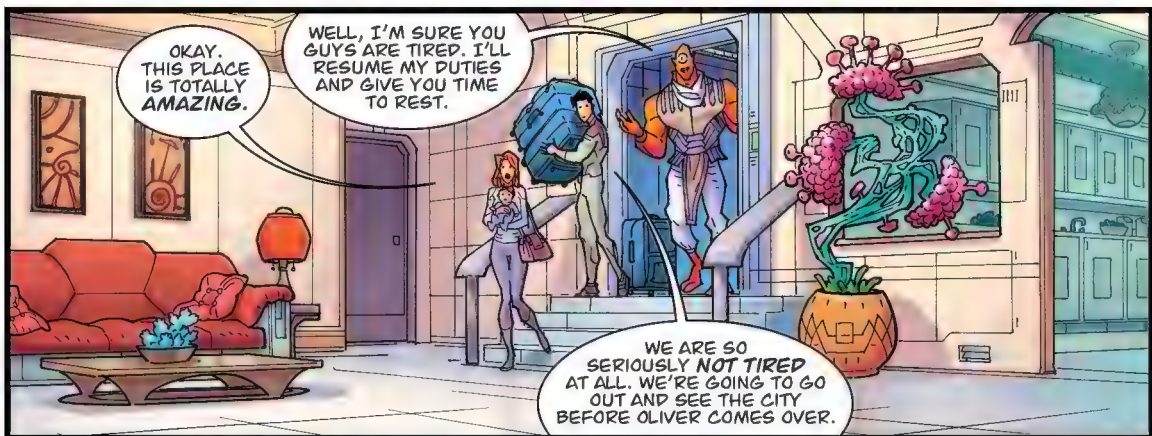
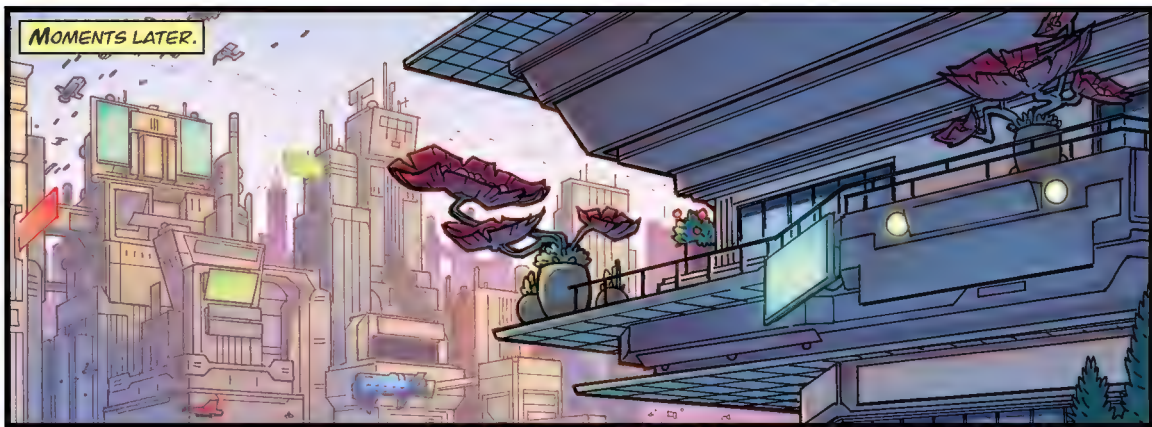
I WAS JUST
SAYING I'D
SENT SOMEONE
ELSE TO MEET
YOU.

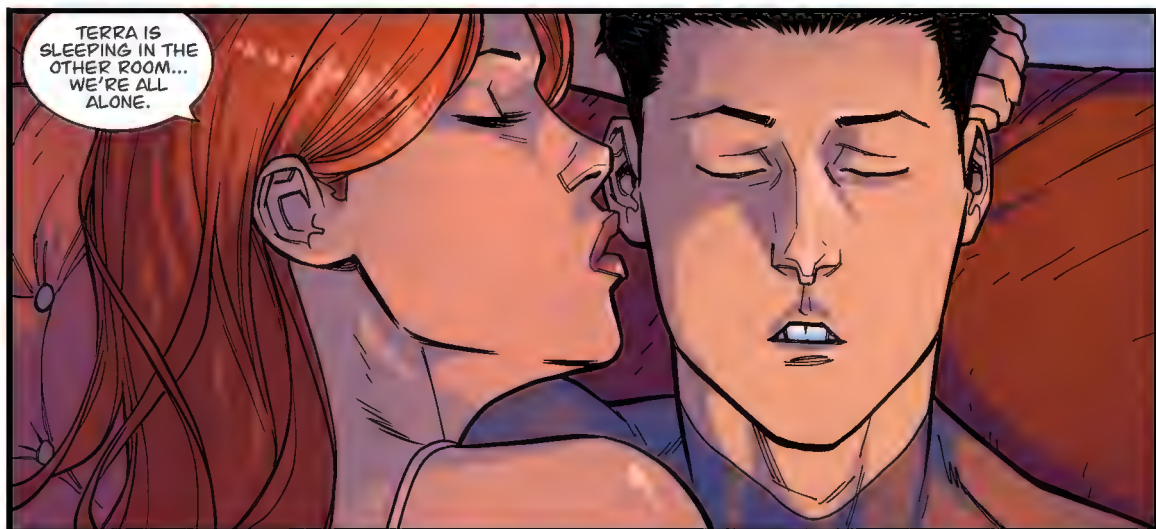
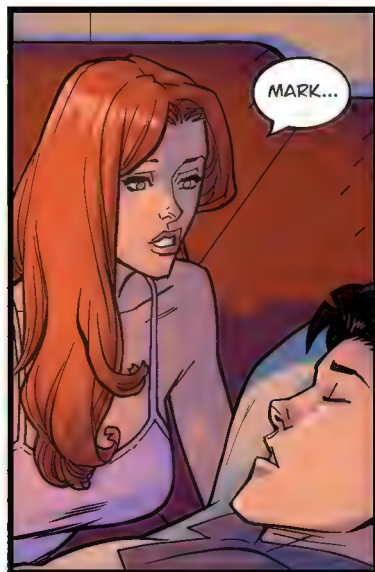
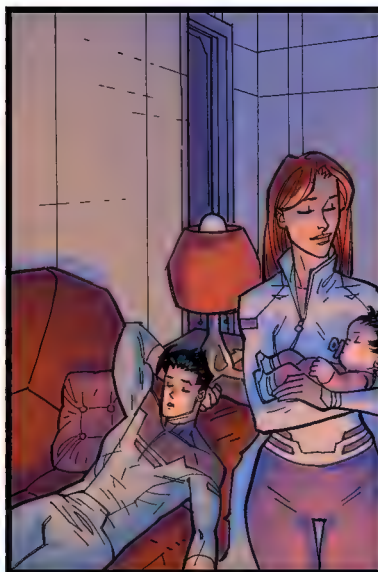
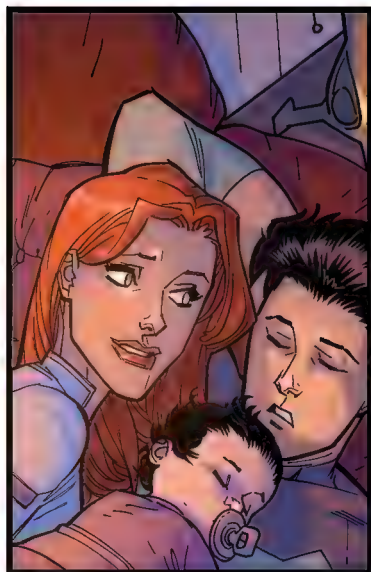
AND I
WOULD
HAVE BEEN
LATE!

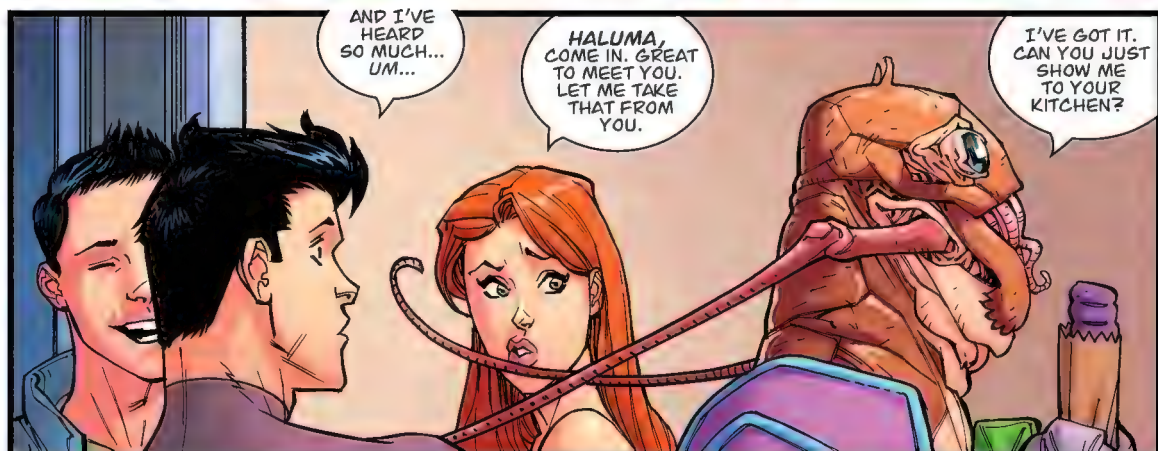


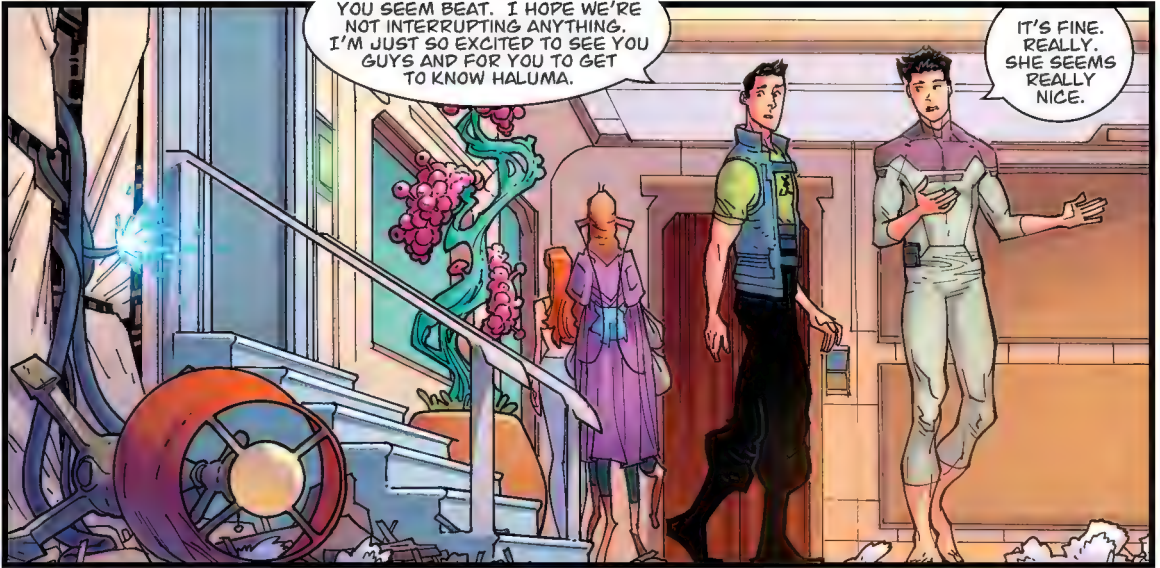


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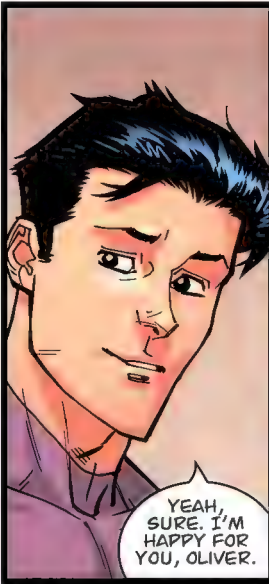
YOU SEEM BEAT. I HOPE WE'RE NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING. I'M JUST SO EXCITED TO SEE YOU GUYS AND FOR YOU TO GET TO KNOW HALUMA.

IT'S FINE. REALLY. SHE SEEMS REALLY NICE.

I KNOW SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE IDEAL MATE TO YOU... BUT I THINK NOW YOU GET A SENSE OF HOW I SAW EVERYONE ON EARTH DURING MY TIME THERE.



HALUMA REALLY DOES IT FOR ME.



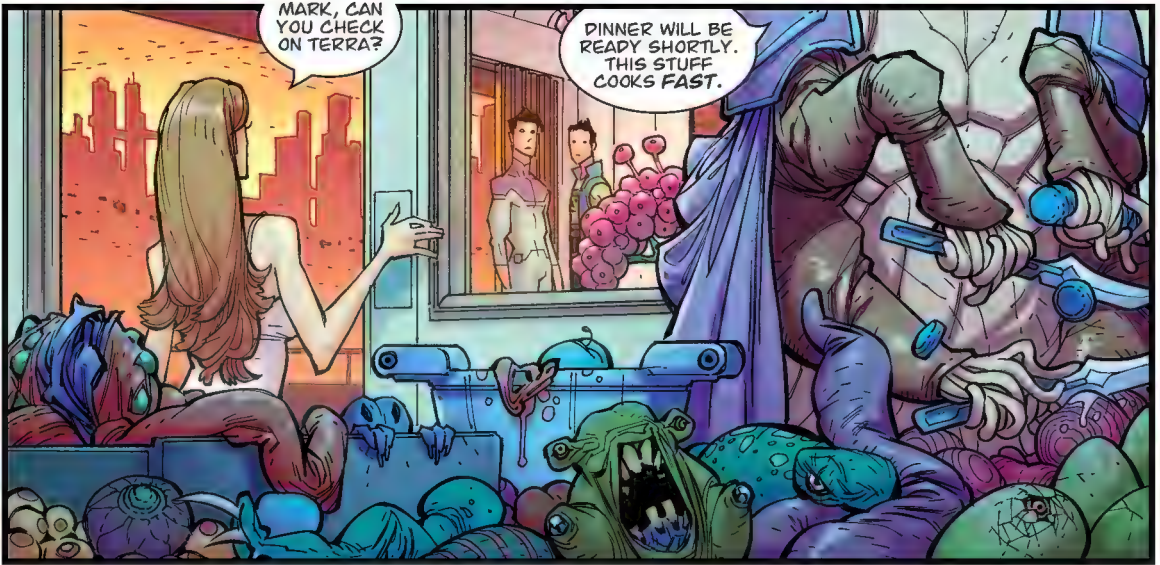
YEAH, SURE. I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, OLIVER.



I MEAN... DID YOU SEE THOSE MANDIBLES?

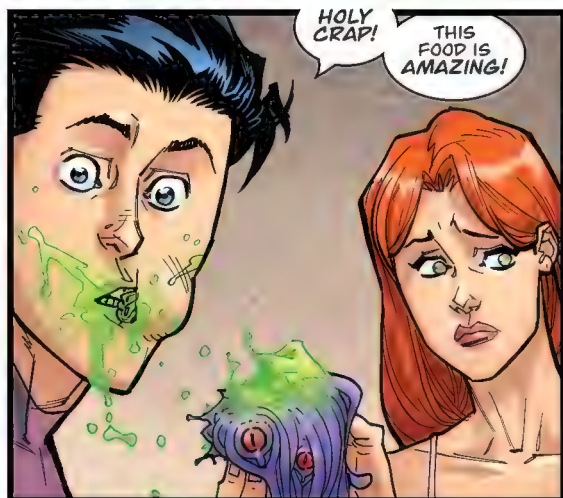
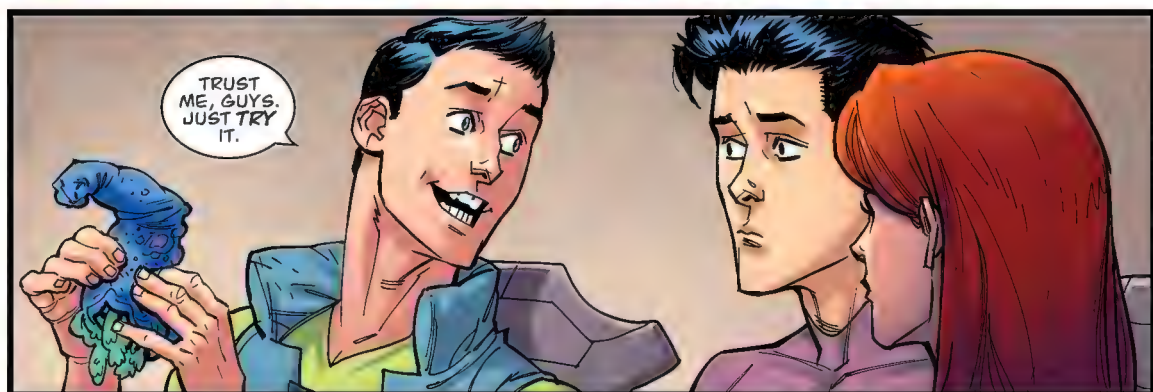
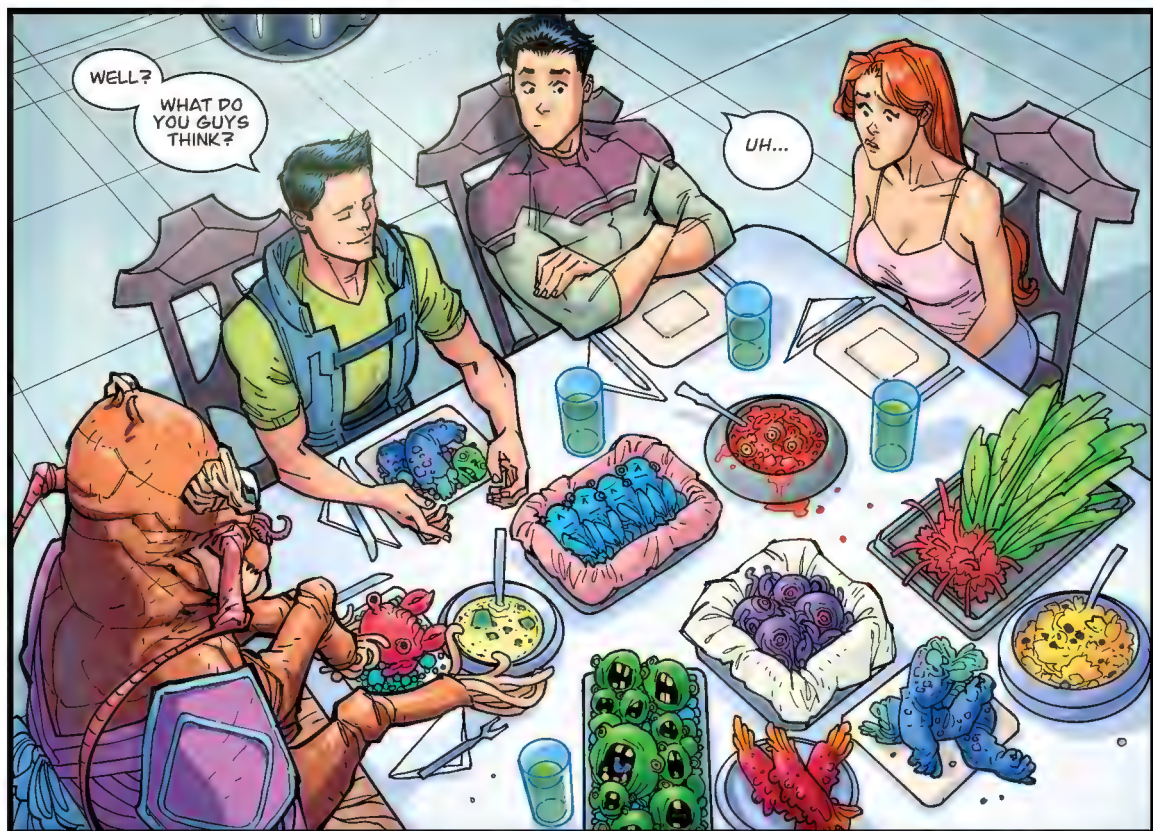


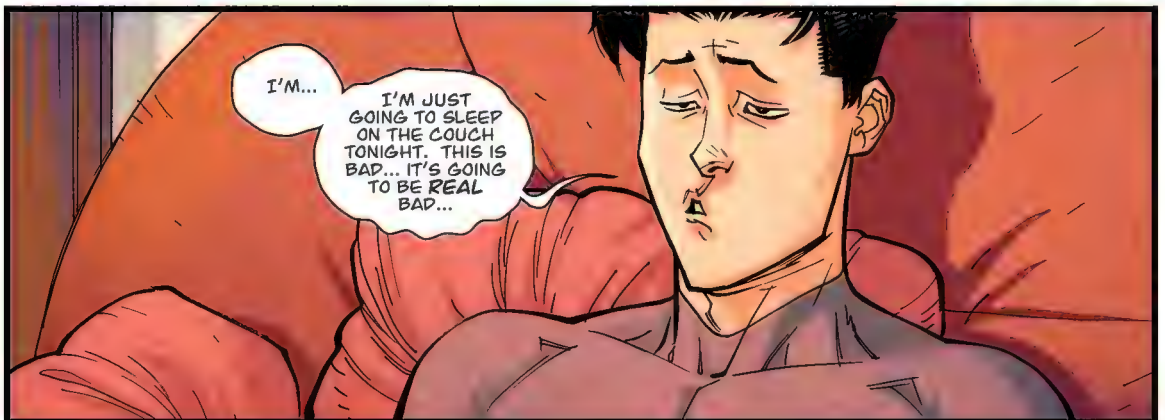
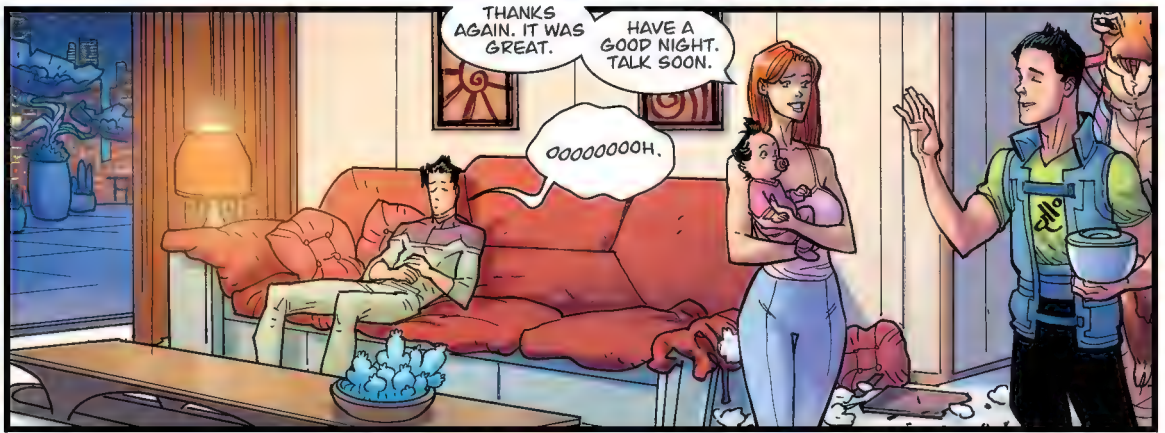
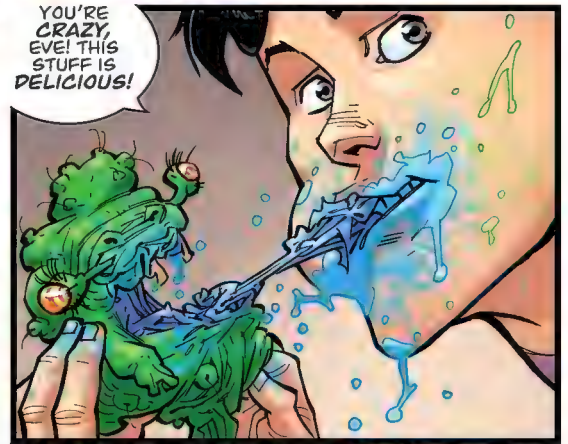
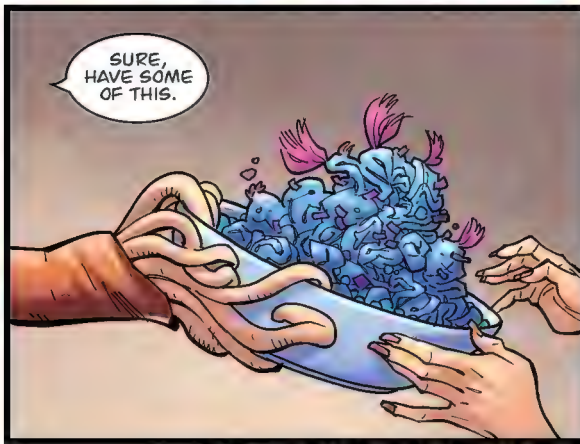
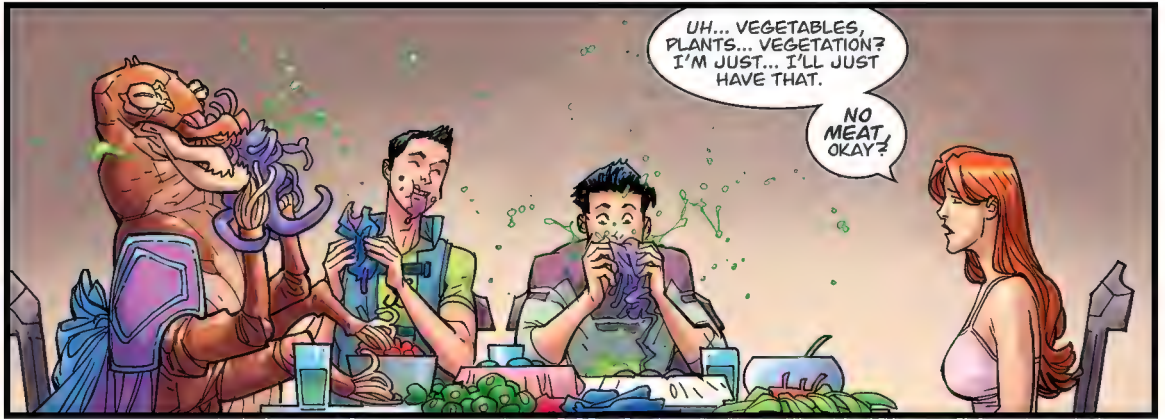
THEY'RE, UH... VERY NICE.



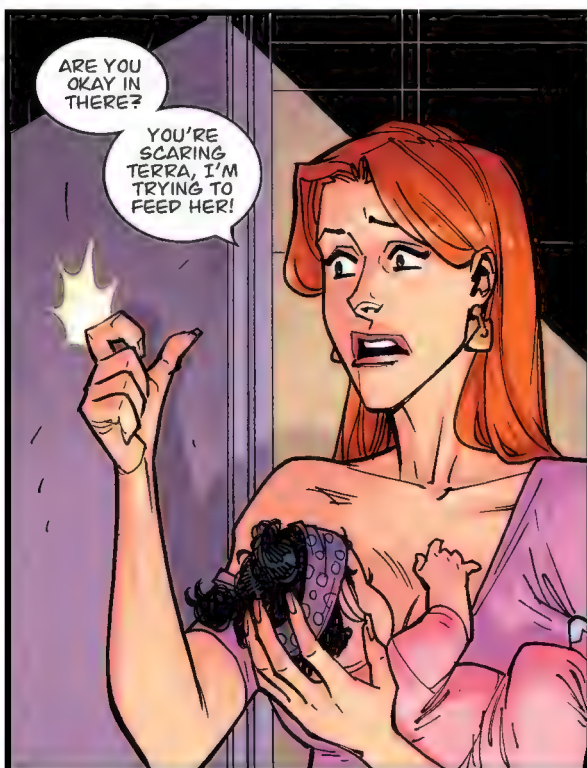
MARK, CAN YOU CHECK ON TERRA?

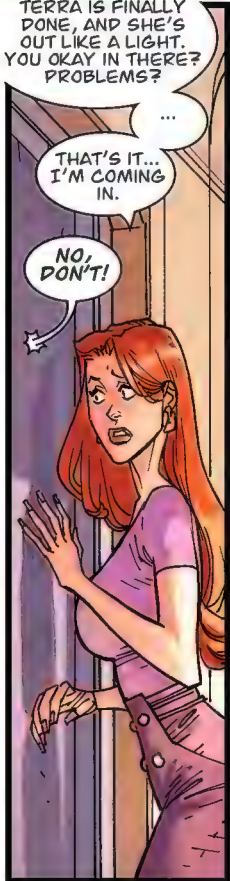
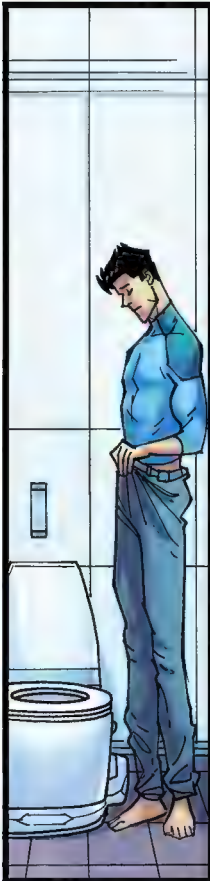
DINNER WILL BE READY SHORTLY. THIS STUFF COOKS FAST.

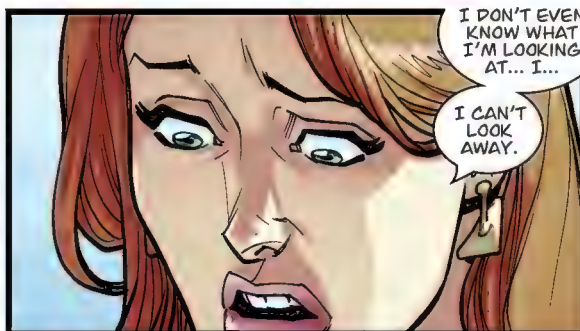
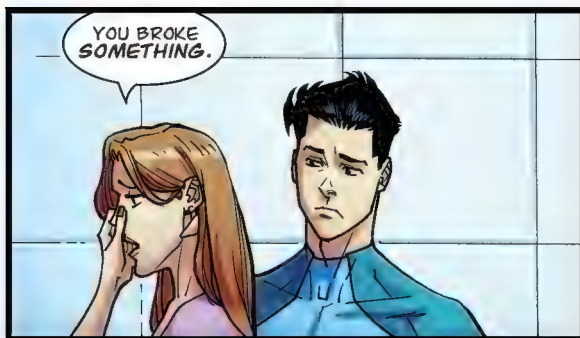
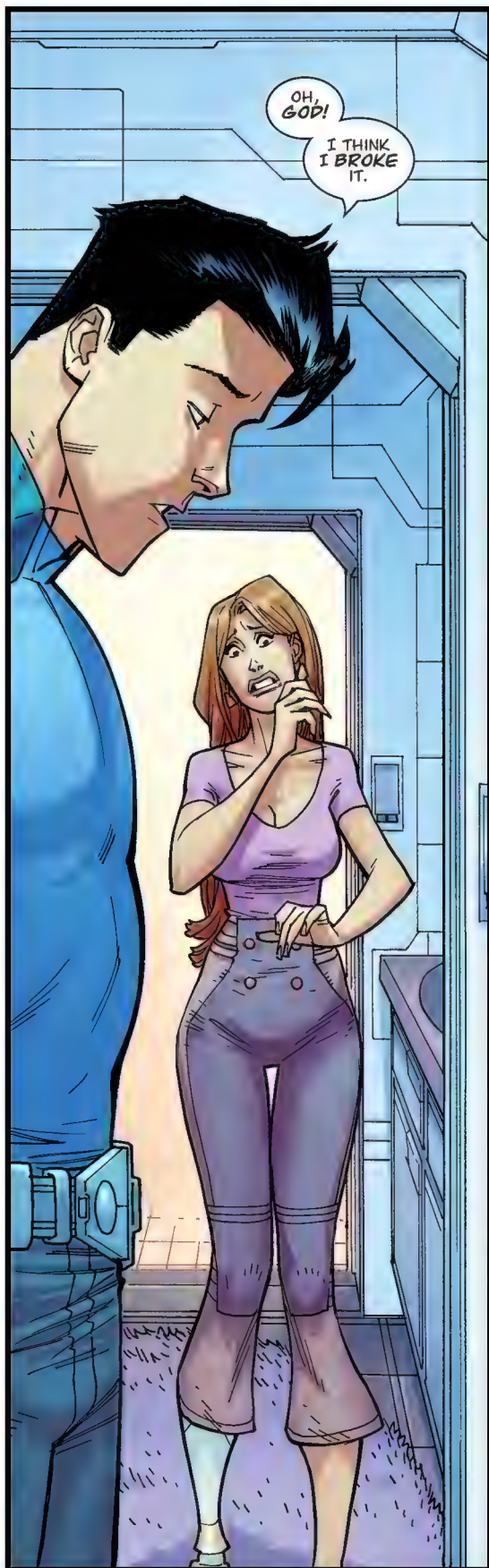


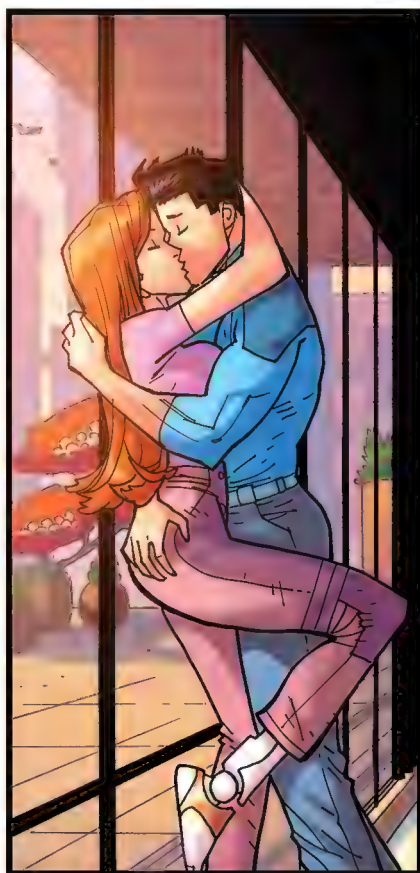
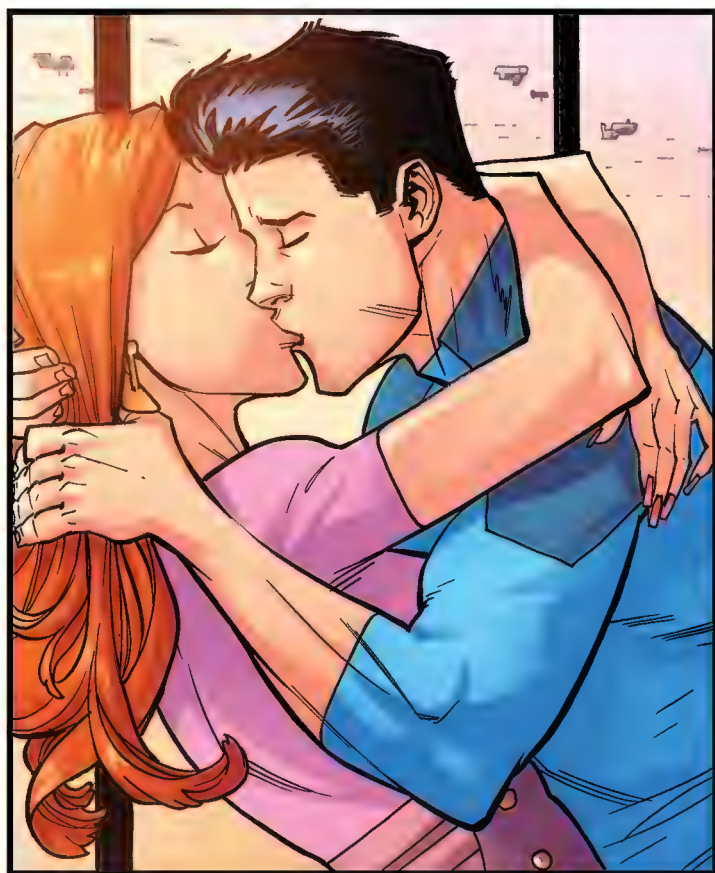
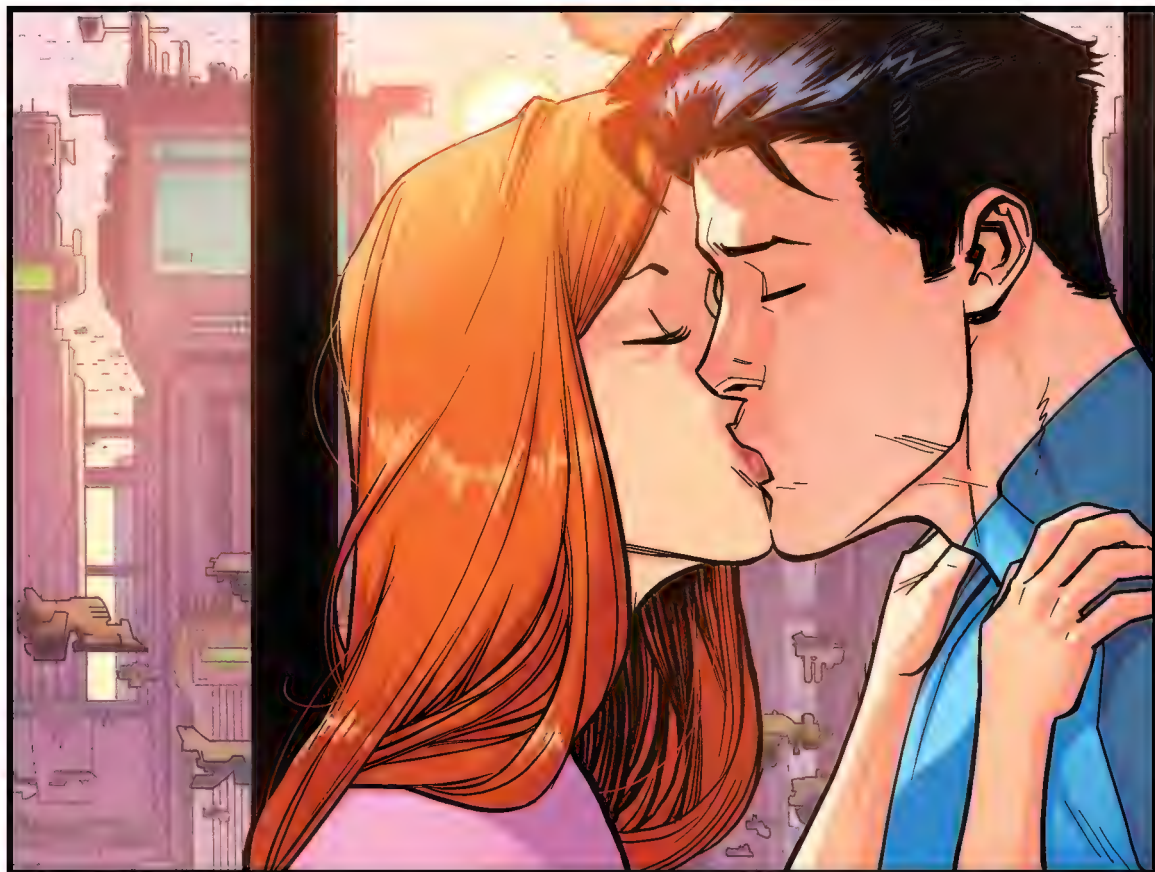


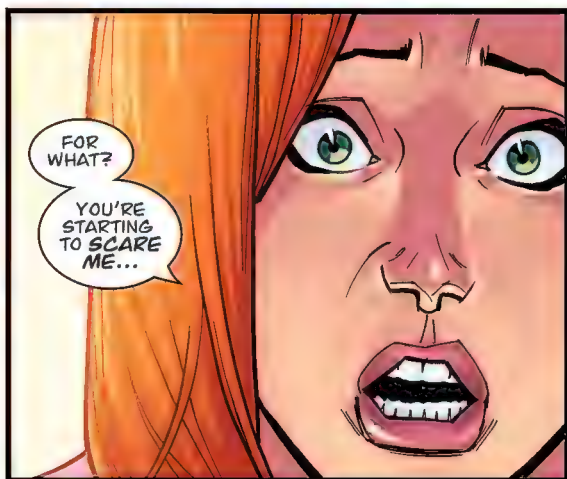
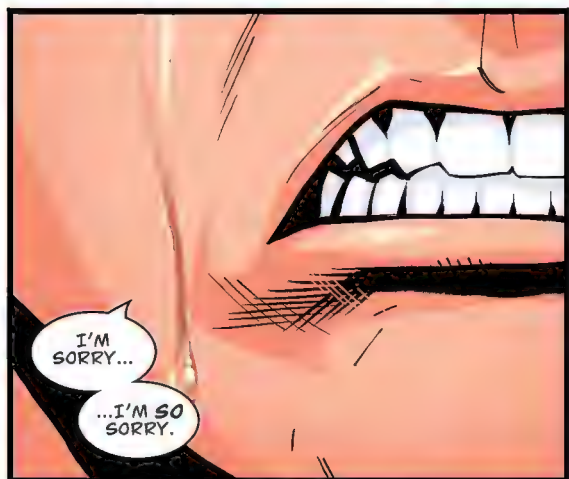
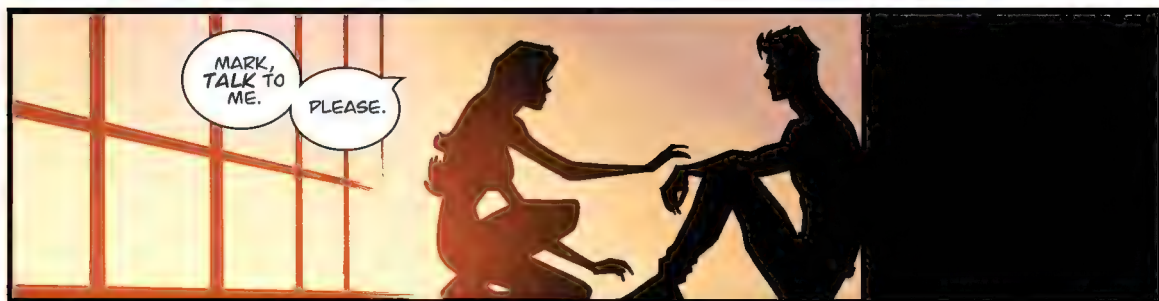
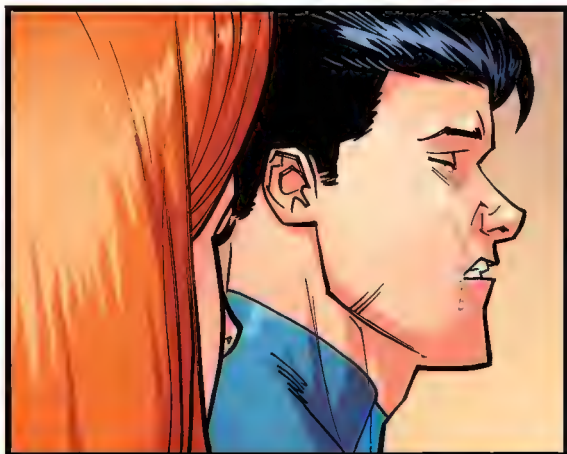
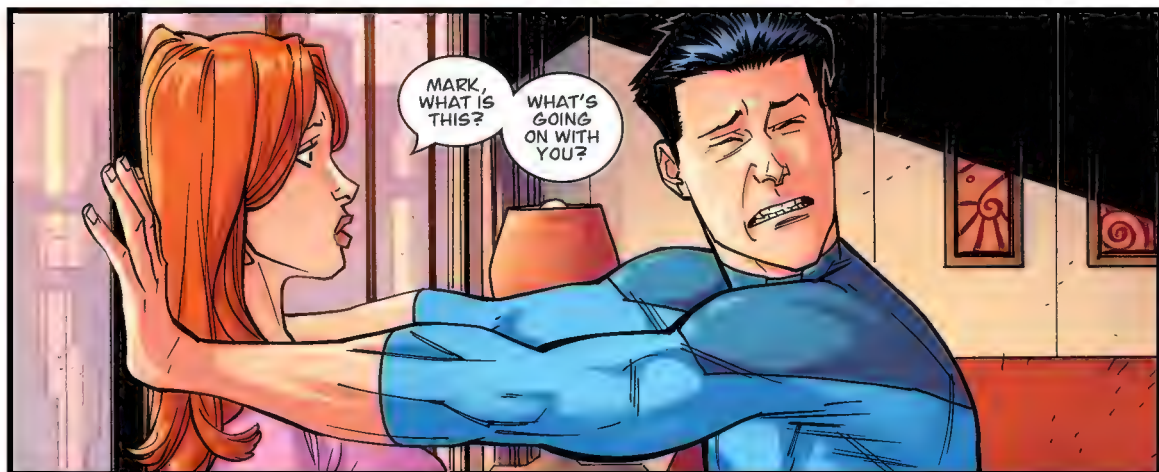
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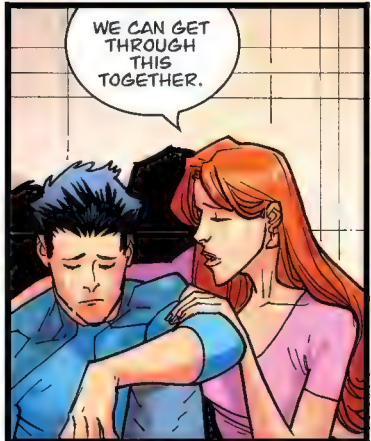


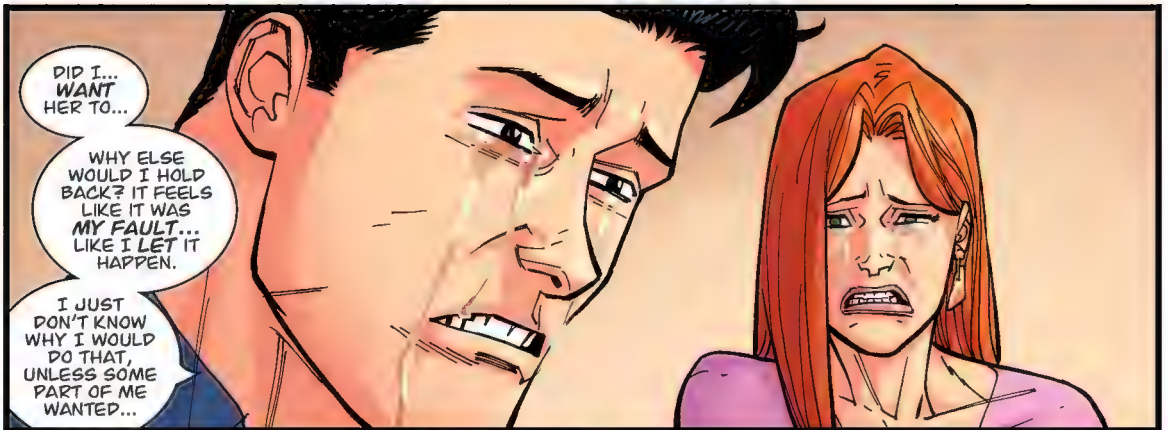
















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BIRTHRIGHT, THIEF OF THIEVES, MANIFEST DESTINY, TECH JACKET and GHOSTED are all pretty good as well.

I'm assuming you're already reading THE WALKING DEAD or OUTCAST... or have checked them out and decided they're not your thing. That's cool. I understand not every book is for everyone.

Robert

I'm writing this after just finishing issue 116, and I have to say that I loved it! To me, this issue was the end of an era, but it was also the start of beautiful new era for the invincible universe! I can't wait to see what's next and want to thank you for making Invincible and Tech Jacket my friend stu's (BFF from tech jacket #7 letter column and hopefully invincible 117 column) favorite series as well as my own. We both love everything you are doing and will never stop reading either books. We had one question though, since Invincible's going sci-fi, will we not see mark wearing his yellow and blue costume anymore? Because we love that suit and would hate to see it go away. As always, rock on and keep doing what you are doing.

Liam aka Invincble and Tech Jacket's #1 fan

and proud friend of Stu(their #2 fan)

Mark won't be wearing the yellow and blue anytime soon, but that doesn't mean we've seen the last of it.

Dear Invincible Team,

Issue 116 was incredible. I suppose a lot of people would call it a "slow" issue or "transitioning" or whatever, but what I see is the fruition of years of long form story telling. And from side characters, too! Starting with William who, along with Rick, has become the "normal" to Mark and Eve's insane life. William candidly presents the opinion of every average Joe in America at that moment, and the scenes of Robot pulling the strings behind him added a dark irony. Nolan and Debbie have come a strange full circle. The way Nolan talks about earthlings makes their relationship seem slightly unbalanced. I guess Debbie doesn't mind. What I really love, though, is how the Immortal has changed throughout the series. Sometimes at odds with Mark, he now comes to him as perhaps the only possible ally he has. We have seen the Immortal put through so much with his age. To me, that is the moral question of this book. Can you live an ungodly long time and still be a good person? The Immortal invigorates Mark to talk to his dad about a resistance, but he is quickly shot down. Then Mark is reminded of Anissa and her persistence. All this culminates in Mark's decision to leave Earth. The beauty and mastery of this issue is in the way Mark's decision is influenced throughout it, as if it were one big play.

And it might just be me, but I don't mind if somehow Battlebeast and Thragg get an X factor healing gene and fight for the rest of the series. Two splash pages per issue, please?

Thanks for being amazing,
Jacob Bigus
Kansas City, MO

No Beast-Thragg this issue... but that fight will come to an **ASTONISHING** finish relatively soon.

Or will it?!

Dear Invincible Staff,

First, I'd like to start off by saying the series has been a blast to read. I just finished reading Invincible issue #116 and so many questions are flourishing in my head. With Invincible and Eve going off into space does that mean they're going to meet up with old friends, like, Allen, Oliver, and/or Tech Jacket.

Yes, yes, no idea. That'd be cool, though.

It's certainly POSSIBLE Tech Jacket could show up.

Plus, if he's in space could we possibly see a crossover with Tech Jacket in his book or vice versa? So many questions keep rising, but those are the big ones I wanted to ask. Keep up the great work.

Your fan,
Kevin

No crossovers between titles planned. Over in his title, Tech Jacket's currently trying to prevent the destruction of the galaxy while Mark's a million miles away, becoming a family man.

If you're missing the WHITE HOT ACTION this book has sometimes had (and will have again eventually), do give TECH JACKET a shot.

Is Eve going to keep the prosthetic or is she going to be able to heal it and create a new one like she did to her stomach when conquest punched a whole in it?

Well, she can only affect organic living matter when she's near death and it short-circuits the block placed on her abilities. But I will say Oliver certainly has better-looking prosthetics than she does. He has an artificial arm and JAW if you'll recall.

In your last issue #116 you mentioned three funerals not four. So did Shapesmith really die? Or did he somehow fake his death?

There were only three funerals scheduled for that day. Shapesmith is really and truly dead.

Truly. And I already miss him.

Big fan,

Phil

P.S. Are you going to do anything with the Green Ghost talisman? Because it hasn't been mentioned and if it was such a great object to give someone great enough power to be in the guardians of the globe someone should have taken it, like those kids who dug up Immortal to drink from his skull.

I had big plans for it when it was introduced, but I never got around to it.

There's always time. It's not a priority, but it's possible it would crop back up. Eventually I had plans for every member of the original Guardians team. There was going to be a new Green Ghost, Red Rush, War Woman, etc... not just Darkwing. The idea was to take the rough concepts and bring more "original" characters out of them (because the original team was basically Justice League analogs). The idea was to do something similar to the way that Shapesmith became the new Martian Man without being anything like Martian Man.

In the end... we just moved on to different stuff. But those ideas are still there.

For now, I'm just going to say the Jade Gem (or whatever it was called) is in The Immortal's trophy cabin, tucked away safely.

New readers: check out INVINCIBLE Ultimate Collection 1 to get a better idea what we're talking about. Don't be scared, it's only comics!

See all of you next month, where we learn Terra's fate... (she's gonna be alright, right?)

-Sean Mackiewicz

Well... maybe. You'll just have to get the next issue to find out.

-Robert Kirkman

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Mark and Eve take their daughter to the emergency room on an alien planet... which is all kinds of trouble. How long will Mark's domestic life be allowed to continue? Trouble is brewing worlds away.

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